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ENGINEERS READY TO NEGOTIATE

Property owners in the area of the Success dam and reservoir are now receiving letters from the Sacramento office of the army engineers stating that they will be contacted in the future relative to appraisal of land that will be needed for the dam and reservoir.

Communications are from W. L. Goldsmith, chief, real estate division, of the engineers; it is stated that a "professional appraiser with many years' experience" will contact property owners as first step in negotiation for eventual purchase of property.

The letters also state, "Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly assist the appraiser greatly in estimating fair market value."

Tentative appraisal figures have already been presented to directors of the Tule River Citrus association packing house that is located near the entrance to Bartlett park.

Directors of the association have been notified that railroad leading to the house will be discontinued in March of next year.

Dial Phone Change-Over Dates Near

Residents of the Springville community will start dialing their telephone numbers at 11:00 p.m. this Saturday, while dial system will go into operation in Porterville at 11:00 p.m. on Novmeber 3, it was stated this week by Bob Board, Pacific Telephone manager in Porterville.

Porterville telephone subscribers can expect a call from an operator asking them to make a test call before the dial phones are actually changed over. At that time any questions will be answered, and prior to the change, a pamphlet will go to phone users telling how to operate the new dial system.

Special telephone books with new Springville numbers have been distributed in Springville; new books will be placed in Porterville prior to the change.

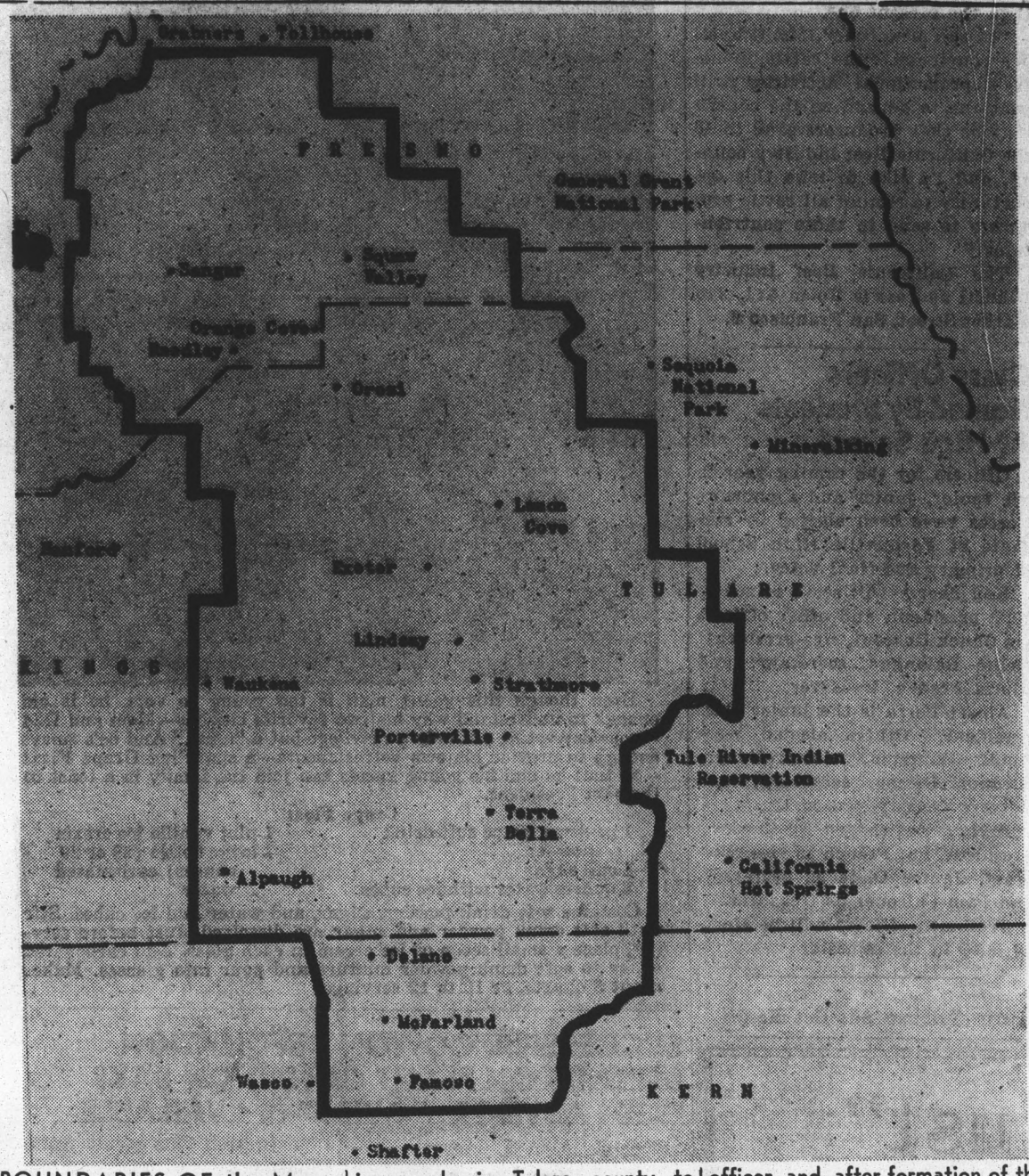
Prefix for Springville numbers will be JEfferson 9; for Porterville, SUnset 4.

NORTHUP GETS APPRECIATION RESOLUTION

A resolution of appreciation for his efforts in working with county officials in securing funds for improvement and flood-repair work on the Tule river has been voted to Ernie Northup, manager of the Porterville Irrigation district by the Tulare county board of supervisors.

The resolution points out that Mr. Northup "was instrumental in coordinating and expediting flood repairs on the Tule river, performing said duties in addition to a full schedule of district activities"

He was also commended for his efforts in working with the United States army engineers, and the national and state officers of Civil defense, in matters connected with work on the Tule river, which is now virtually completed at a cost of more than $1180,000.



BOUNDARIES OF the Meyer Lemon Free district that will be officially established in the central San Joaquin valley, effective October 12, are shown above. The district is being set up in order that Meyer lemon trees can be eliminated, since they have been proved to be carriers of Quick Decline, the disease that is deadly to citrus. At present, a survey is being made in Tulare county to "spot" all Meyer lemon trees, with this work being carried out through the office of Elvin Mankins, agricultural commissioner, who estimates that about 2,000 Meyer lemon trees will probably be found in the county. As yet, no program has been set up for actual elimination of the trees, however, Mr. Mankins will be the enforcement officer, and, after formation of the district, it will be a disdemeanor to have a Meyer lemon tree. There is no commercial acreage of Meyer lemon in Tulare county at present — a small commercial planting was recently bulldozed out by Paul Dobson of Exeter. The Meyer lemon is primarily a garden-type tree that produces fruit best suited to home use.

Parking Area And Library-Study Hall Get Top Priority For Expenditure Of Special Tax High School Dist. Funds

When trustees of the Porterville Union High School and College District open bids next Monday night on parking lot facilities to be used in connection with the new auditorium being constructed on leased campus property by the Porterville Veterans Memorial district, they will be authorizing the first expenditure from the $107,045.50 realized from a special building tax during the 1955-56 school year.

Ray Hutchinson, board chairman, said estimates are that the providing of two major parking lots, for which the board is committed under terms of an agreement for placing of the memorial auditorium on high school property, will attract bids ranging between $25,000 and $30,000.

One of the asphaltic-concrete type lots will be located close to the new auditorium, facing Olive Street, and the other on the west end of the Olive Street front of the campus. The east lot will have an alternate access from Jaye street, and the west lot to Howland avenue, Mr. Hutchinson said.

The remainder of the funds from the 1955-56 tax revenue is being committed toward construction of a new library-study hall building on the high school campus, Mr. Hutchinson said. This building, designed as the feature structure in the new "front line" of the high school campus, has been rated by the board as of highest priority in removing instructional bottlenecks at the high school. Preliminary

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ASSEMBLYMAN ATTENDING WATER HEARING

Assemblyman Domer F. Power is in Sacramento today to attend final hearings conducted by the state department of water resources relative to water problems of the state. He attended several water hearings conducted in the central valleys in the past three weeks.

HORSE SHOW SHAPING UP

Junior Horsemen's show that will be sponsored by the Springville Lion's club in the Gill arena above Springville on October 14, is "shaping up", according to committeemen, as entries are being received daily. Events have been set up for boy and girl riders through 18 years of age; registration blanks and information are available by writing P. O. Box 206, Springville.

RAIN TOTAL .37 INCHES

First rain of the season this week brought .37 inches to the Porterville area, according to the John Daybell weather station record. Varying amounts of rain fell throughout the foothill and mountain areas.

TULARE CO. SECOND IN AGRICULTURE

Tulare county has regained its status as second richest agricultural county in the nation — and that means also the world — according to information released this week by W. S. Clawson, secretary-manager of the Tulare county chamber of commerce.

With a 1955 value of $233,612,492, Tulare county is topped in the nation only by Fresno, with a value of $325,844,210. Los Angeles county is third on the list of California counties with $218,229,800, and Kern county is fourth with $206,473,112.

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Tulare County Citrus Industry Is Expanding

A new era of expansion in the California industry is being reflected in Tulare county, where more than 1,000 acres of oranges are in the non-bearing category; indications are that another 1,000 acres will be set out next year.

In the state, nearly 15,000 acres of new citrus have been planted during the past two years, and another 2,500 acres in Arizona, according to a survey completed by D. M. Anderson, secretary of Sunkist Growers.

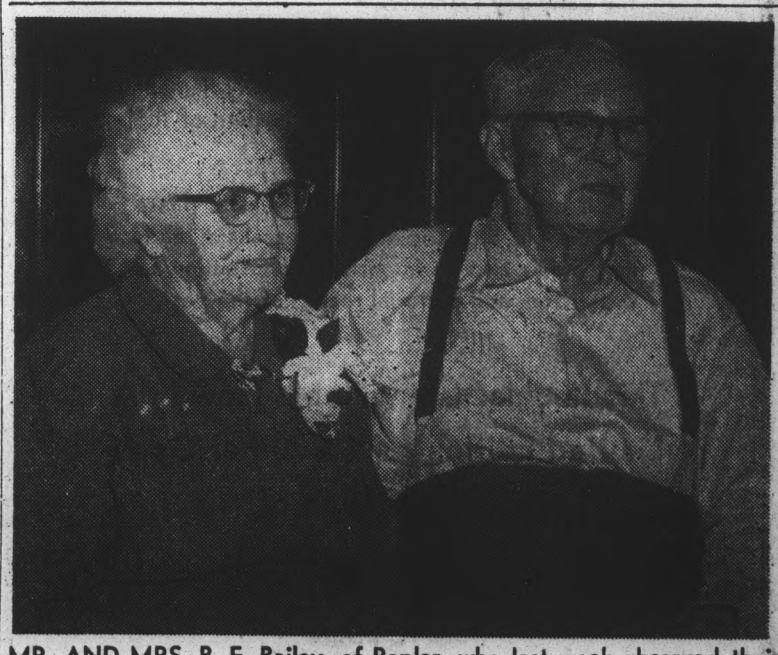
The peak acreage for citrus in California was reached in 1946-47. Since that time land devoted to orange and lemon growing has been dropping, largely as a result of the building boom in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Now the trend is reversing.

Ventura county shows the largest expansion of any of the citrus producing areas with nearly 6,000 acres of non-bearing trees which will come into production during the next few years. Most of the Ventura county plantings are lemons with about 450 acres of oranges. Santa Barbara has about 1,700 acres of young trees not yet in production and farmers intend to plant another 500 acres next year.

San Diego county has about 850 acres of young lemons and 115 acres of oranges.

Los Angeles and Orange coun-

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MR. AND MRS. B. E. Bailey, of Poplar, who last week observed their 69th wedding anniversary when friends gathered for an informal reception, and who were later honored by their son, M. A. Bailey, of Madera, with dinner at Gang Sue's in Porterville. The Baileys were married at Grand Ledge, Michigan, September 24, 1887; they came to California in 1905 to settle in Siskiyou county, then moved to Poplar to farm in 1921. A 69th wedding anniversary must set some kind of record. Do you know of a better one? (Farm Tribune photo)

CALIFORNIA BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY WILL CONTINUE SELF-HELP BEEF SALE PROMOTION CAMPAIGN IN STATE

The California livestock industry will continue its self-help beef promotion program with financing to come from voluntary producer contributions. This decision was announced by the board of directors and regional chairmen — representing dairymen, cattlemen and feeders — as they concluded a recent all-day session at Fresno.

This state-wide meeting was held to make plans for continuation of CBIC activities to promote the sale of beef and beef products and for cooperation with producer groups in developing a sound method of financing a promotional program.

Jake L. Schneider, Sloughhouse cattleman and CBIC president, stated that California's cattle industry recognizes the importance of, and need for, beef promotion. For this reason, Mr. Schneider said, we who represent the industry through the California Beef Industry council must continue to work to develop the best possible promotional program based on the funds available.

The California Beef Industry council is financed by volunteer contributions from cattle producers, based on 10c per head of cattle sold or slaughtered in the state.

"At the same time", Mr. Schneider continued, "the California Beef Industry council, representing as it does all segments of the cattle industry, is in an excellent position to act — and will be glad to assist any groups in the industry who want to work toward a method of financing more efficient than the present one.

"In the meantime", Mr. Schneider concluded, "the cattle industry's promotional activities will continue to depend on the contributions that producers send in to the California Beef Industry council, and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all cattle producers to send in those contributions!"

The California Beef Industry Council address is Room 541, 870 Market Street, San Francisco 2.

Class Officers Named By Students At High School

Officers for the coming year in the senior, junior and sophomore classes have been elected by students at Porterville High School in primary and final votes.

Ken Sherry will serve as senior class president, and other officers are Chuck Rusconi, vice-president; Nellie Balangue, secretary; and Gloria French, treasurer.

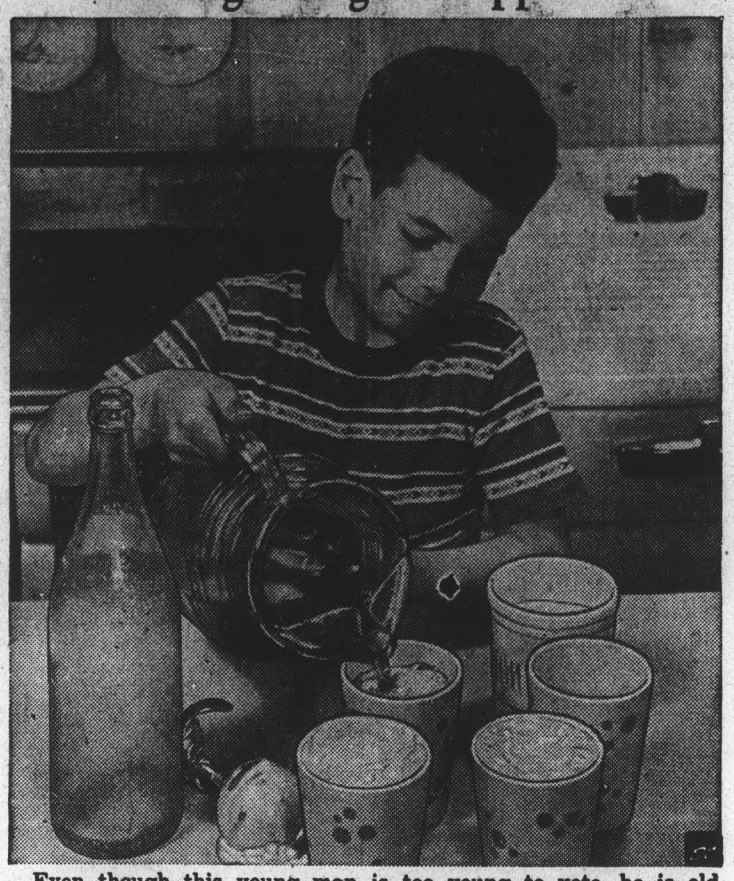
Albert Berra is the junior class president. Others elected were Linda Bargsten, vice-president; Eleanor Bessey, secretary; and Beverly Cassidy, treasurer.

Sophomores elected Ed Clark as president, Pat French as vice presidnet, Janice Ohde as secretary, and Pam Falconer as treasurer.

Freshmen officers will be elected later in the semester.

Farm Tribune Ads Get Results

He's Registering His Approval!



Even though this young man is too young to vote, he is old enough to understand why his two favorite citizens—Mom and Dad—consider voting not only a privilege but a "must." And he's smart enough to provide his own refreshments—a sparkling Grape Float—so that he and his young guests can join the family in a toast to the next President.

Grape Float

1 package grape soft drink powder
1 cup sugar
2 quarts water with ice cubes
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1 large bottle (28 or 29 ounces) carbonated water

Combine soft drink powder, sugar, and water and ice cubes. Stir until soft drink powder and sugar are dissolved. Just before serving, place a small scoop of ice cream in each glass. Add carbonated water to soft drink powder mixture and pour into glasses. Makes about 3 quarts, or 10 to 12 servings.

SUCCESSFUL COTTON DEFOLIATION DEPENDS ON PLANT CONDITION SAYS FARM ADVISOR; "GUIDE" IS AVAILABLE

By Alan G. George
Farm Advisor

If conditions are right, defoliation of cotton can be profitable, however, if conditions are not right, defoliation may be hazardous.

Good defoliation results in higher grades of cotton because few leaves remain to clog spindles, add trash, or stain fiber.

Defoliation often helps lodged plants to straighten up and increases the exposure of plants to air and sunlight. This enables the plants to dry more quickly and thoroughly and the mature bolls open faster, which reduces boll rot. Population of aphid and white flies are reduced by defoliation. Both of these insects cause honeydew deposit on the open bolls.

Timing, more than anything else, determines how much benefit a grower will get from defoliation. Defoliation of the entire plant is successful only when the plant is mature. On plants where leaves are actively growing, it is practically impossible to defoliate. In fields where growth and plant development is irregular defoliation may be incomplete.

This difficulty is most frequent in areas of soil diversity and at lower ends of fields. Bolls must be mature so that yields will not be reduced or fiber and seed quality lowered by defoliation. Little damage will occur if the youngest bolls cannot be dented or if the fiber strings when the boll is out, generally, 40 days after bloom fiber is mature so no damage to fiber or seed will result from defoliation.

The latest information on conditions that should be present before defoliation is attempted as well as recommended rates of material is contained in the "1956 Cotton Defoliation Guide". This publication is available without charge at the Tulare County Farm and Home Advisors office, in the basement of the Visalia Post Office.

OCTOBER 7 - 13 IS PTA WEEK

Mayor Lester J. Hamilton, of Porterville, has proclaimed October 1 - 13 as Parent Teacher week in Porterville, urging all persons to acquaint themselves with the record of the PTA and to give it their support.

DOYLE COLONY

By Brooke Lea Heintz

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Many people are asking, if and when the R. R. rtacks are torn up east of Success Dam and the freight line becomes inactive — what happens to the R. R. right away property below the dam to the Porterville spur? Could be, it should revert to the original property owners — in which case it would be the Doyle family.

Wm. "Shorty" Way of Maurer Street has made and patented a new type grape cutting knife that really does a fast job — should prove a boon to the people who harvest the grape crop — Shorty sez, a number of contractors in this area are already using this new type kinfe.

Warner Hatch has sold his property holdings on Sycamore Street. He expects to take a long delayed vacation down San Diego way.

Those six spanking new homes on Tyler Street have all been sold. They have their own community deep well water system.

Asked by a new neighbor in the Colony, "where's the best place to buy meat out here?" — for thick pork chops — Everett Vaughn's Market — better steaks at Bob Phipps, Doyle Colony Market — and for luscious lamb chops—Jack Bryson, Rainbow Market.

Old time well driller Pat H. Hurley sez the water level in some areas have dropped as much as 40 feet in the past thirty years.

Alberta Roeth, nee Henley, was born at Globe. Her father, Floyd Henley, used to operate the old skating rink there right after the turn of the century.

"Sycamore Cy" Samson was in charge of operations at the Adobe while Junior Hensley and party went hunting for a buck — although they got no buck in the hills — there was plenty of 'em in the register when he got back. — popular "Sycamore Cy".

PANTHERS MEET EXETER FRIDAY NIGHT

Coach Carl Elder's Panthers of Porterville high school meet an invading team of Monarchs from Exeter Friday night at College stadium in Porterville, with the Exeter club expected to be "high" and ready for an upset win.

The Panthers, with an inexperienced club, have lost their first two games — to Madera and East Bakersfield. They look for another tough evening Friday, although Exeter is officially in the "small school" league.

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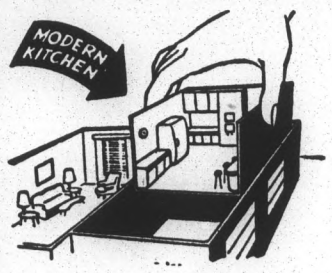
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Mountain Quail Season Open

Special season on mountain quail is open in most portions of Tulare county, lying within the National forest, between October 6 and October 14. Hunters should check the state Digest of Hunting Regulations concerning specific areas.

SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE OCT. 10

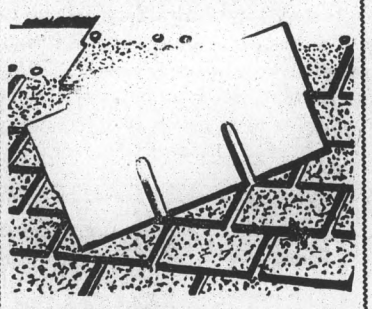
Northern California and Nevada Small Business Procurement conference is set for Oakland, next Wednesday, October 10.

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NO MORE MEYER LEMONS

With Meyer Lemon Free district to be officially established in much of Tulare county next week, persons who have a Meyer lemon tree in their gardens can expect to be asked to remove the tree in the near future.

Reason for elimination of the Meyer lemon is that it is a proved carrier of Quick Decline, a citrus disease that has wiped out considerable acreage in southern California and that could, if it gains a foothold in this area, deal a fatal blow to the Tulare county citrus industry.

Since the Meyer lemon is not a commercial variety, the 2,000 or so trees that are estimated to be growing in Tulare county, are all "garden shrubs". And since most of these trees are owned by persons not engaged in the citrus business, actual elimination can become a rather ticklish job.

As yet, there has been no provision made to reimburse persons who destroy their Meyer lemon trees — a fact that adds to the unpleasant nature of enforcement, which will be handled through the office of the Tulare County Agricultural commissioner.

We know that Elvin Mankins, agricultural commissioner, does not want to use "police tactics" in enforcing the Meyer lemon elimination plan. We know that he hopes the job can be done on a congenial, cooperative basis.

And certainly this should be the basis of operation, for those persons who own Meyer lemons should realize that possibly the life of the Tulare county citrus industry hinges on this action.

But persons who have Meyer lemons must also be considered, and from this standpoint, we strongly urge that funds be made available by the state of California, or by the citrus industry, to compensate for removal of the trees.

Amount of money involved would be only a "drop in the bucket" when compared to value of the citrus industry. The difference between unpleasant, "police action" type of enforcement, and a congenial enforcement program, could well hinge on the fact that trees being removed will be paid for.

The Meyer lemon must go. There is no doubt about that. Let's get the job done as quickly as possible, and with as little ill feeling as possible.

SUNKIST SELLS LUMBER MILL PROPERTY

Fruit Growers Supply company, an affiliate of Sunkist Growers, has sold its properties in Westwood, Lassen county, to Milton Wershow and David Weiss of Los Angeles.

The Westwood property consists of 780 acres of land and a concessionaire - operated community. Lumber mill, logging machinery and other equipment will be auctioned off by the new owners on October 30.

Fruit Growers Supply company purchased the property in 1944 in order to secure wood shook for the citrus industry. With most citrus now packed in fibreboard cartons, it is stated there is no longer a need to operate the property.

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Thompson Raisin Growers Urged To Insist On $200

Growers of Thompson seedless raisins were urged to insist on a price of $200.00 per ton in a resolution adopted unanimously at a recent meeting of the grape department of the Fresno County Farm Bureau at the Bureau headquarters in Fresno.

The resolution declares that "in order for raisin growers to secure the 100 per cent parity price of $194.00 per ton, a price of approximately $200.00 a ton for free tonnage Thompsons is essential inasmuch as the surplus is expected to bring much less."

Adoption of the resolution followed talks by W. A. Hansen, president of the California Raisin and Grape Growers Institute, and H. A. Savage, attorney for the newly-formed Raisin Grape Marketing Association which is now organizing pools for bargaining purposes. In pointing out why growers should stand firm for the $200.00 price on free tonnage, Hansen said:

"There is absolutely no reason for growers this year to get panicky and start unloading for a lesser price. Remember, regardless of the size of the crop, the amount of free tonnage to be made available to the packers will be around 150,000 tons. That's the average allocation for the last three years under the government formula for arriving at free, reserve and surplus tonnage percentages. And the packers will certainly need to buy all of this 150,000 tonnage.

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Candidates Meeting Sponsored By Chamber

A public luncheon meeting will be sponsored by the Porterville chamber of commerce at Gang Sue's, October 18, to provide an opportunity to "meet your candidates" for United States congress and the California assembly.

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As we go to press we learn that Grover Cleveland was nominated at St. Louis for president and Allen G. Thurman for vice president. The nominations were hailed with delight by Democrats in this section.

The Lick House on Main street, Porterville, is conducted by Robert Clarke in the finest style. The rooms are high and well ventilated, the beds clean and comfortable, and the table supplied with the best the market affords.

Fred Montalvin has filed on 320 acres of the desert land in Kern county claimed by Haggin & Carr, and large numbers of others are doing the same. We would like to see them get the land, as we believe these land monopolists who lay claim to over 100,000 acres fraudulently entered under the Desert Land act have no just right nor title to it.

RECORD ENROLLMENTS AT SCHOOLS

Record enrollments at both Porterville College and Porterville High School already are causing pressure at some bottle-necks in the physical facilities of the schools, Supt. C. W. Easterbrook said.

Porterville College enrollment for the fall semester is at a record 346 student, an increase of 58 over the sign-up at the same date last year. A heavy registration in pre-training courses has caused over-crowding in some of the required courses in that course of study. There also is heavy registration in pre-engineering courses.

At the high school, enrollment at the start of this week was 1,920 students, a figure which was not reached until two weeks later last year. Opening enrollment at the high school this year was 1,777, compared to 1,761 last year, when a total enrollment for the year stood at 2,075. Students who are enrolling late at the high school are finding it impossible to enter some classes, Easterbrook said, because the limit of classroom facilities has been met.

Johnsondale Branch high school has 26 students, an increase of five over last year, Mr. Easterbrook reported. The only decrease, described by the district superintendent as "a welcome one", was among the number of patients of high school age at Springville Sanitarium requiring instruction under the Martin Memorial program.

Pirates Plan To "Bounce Back" In League Season Opener Against Reedley College Saturday Night

The Porterville Pirate football machine, with one "high" and one "low" performance to its credit this season, will open its CCJCAA conference Saturday night by hosting the always tough Reedley College Tigers at the college stadium. Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Jack Morris, new head coach at Reedley, will bring a team to town that has scored wins over Palomar and Sierra junior colleges in pre-season warm-ups. The former Garden City, Kan., mentor has a seasoned team, spearheaded by a few returning veterans, some transfers from Kansas, and promising freshmen. Reedley, according to scouting reports, was extended in neither of its two games so far.

Last year, Porterville walloped the Tigers, 40-6; but the year before had lost a 27-28 game to their traditional rivals.

This year's Pirates, who looked good in a 33-14 win over Hartnell in the season opener, looked just as bad in dropping a 46-7 decision to the Los Angeles Harbor JC machine at Wilmington last Saturday afternoon.

Coach Sid Hall said the Pirates were definitely disorganized during the game, but he hopes they will bounce back for the tough Reedley affray. Harbor, Hall said, fielded a veteran eleven, and he rated Ed Paculba, the Seahawk's tailback, as the best junior college runner he has seen in California.

The Pirates lost no personnel by injuries at Harbor, although Bob Stafford, husky starting tackle from Madera, fractured a bone in his hand. The injury, however, is not expected to keep him out of the Reedley game. Still missing, however, will be guards Donley Caldwell and Henry Balangue, on the shelf with knee injuries.

Caldwell may be ready to go in another week, Hall believes, but Balangue may be out for two weeks more. L. J. Wilson of Madera and Don Elkins of Delano saw a major share of action in these positions against Harbor.

George Stametz of Battle Mountain, Nev., who won the "Player-of-the-week" award for his performance against Harbor, appears to have made up for a late practice start, Hall said, and will alternate with Bob Hill at quarterback. Bob Askins, Bruce Fife, and Matt Encinas still are scheduled for most of the halfback duty. At fullback Freshmen Roy Springmeyer of Cortez, Colo., and Les Kalendar of Dinuba are pushing sophomore Jim Baxley.

Hall still is seeking more depth in his end positions, where experience drops off fast after starters Bill Putnam and Gerald Fike. The tackle positions are "well heeled" with Stafford, Stan Connor and Lyle Dennison as first line players. Slug Lesneski, a 255-pounder, still holds a slight edge over Bob Salyers of Laton at the center spot.

NEW MANUAL ON FRUIT AND NUTS

"The When and Where Of California Fruit and Nut Crops" is the title of a new manual prepared by Robert C. Rock and A. D. Rizzi that is available for $1.00 at the county office of the Extension service, P. O. Box 990, Visalia.

From Daybell Nursery By John



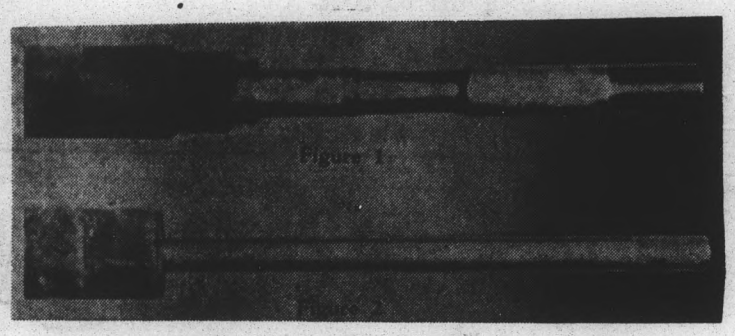
Gardeners and nurserymen are always talking about water and while few of us drink it we would be lost without it. We accuse you of using too much of it or using too little of it and sometimes we are right. Yet as much as we talk about it we haven't done much to improve water over the years. It still is hard to control and runs off down the gutter whenever it gets a chance. It leaks out of tiny holes in hoses but plugs up in four inch drains. It's hard to carry around, either too hot or too cold, and rarely is found in just the right amount or at the right time. We hereby propose that someone undertakes to do something about it. Any contributions may be sent in care of us.

This weekend we are having a sort of fall opening sale and if you win any money on the opening games of the series bring it down and pick up a bargain or two. This sale is Saturday and Sunday only and includes specials on pansies, roses, ranunculus bulbs, and a few shade trees.

Likewise, this is time for a general yard cleaning, tieing up of shrubs the wind might blow over, and fertilizing the lawn to prolong its winter greenness. If you're anxious to have a green lawn all winter sow either blue or rye grass over your old lawn and turn on the sprinkler.

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Farmers' Home Administration Policy Discussed By State Director; Object Is To Offer Adequate Credit Source

By L. Stewart Hinckley
State Director
Farmers Home Administration

In his message to the Congress last January, 1956, President Eisenhower recommended that immediate steps be taken to assure adequate agricultural credit which cannot be met by private lenders. The Congress subsequently amended the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, and the President signed into law amendments providing broader loan authorities for the Farmers Home Administration. The scope of these amendments can be summarized as follows:

1. Enlarges upon the purposes for which Title I loans are available, by authorizing loans primarily for refinancing.

2. Provides permanent rural housing loan authority.

3. Enlarges upon the scope of Title II loans by increasing the loan limits, and distinguishes between loans for full-time family-type farm operators and for part-time farmers.

4. Makes it possible now to provide all family-type farm operators with credit services available through Farmers Home Administration. This is probably the most significant program change, since it will now be possible to serve a larger segment of the farm population.

5. The amendments include several important provisions relating to the servicing of loans by the Agency. The most important is enlarging upon the debt settlement authorities. These changes make it possible now for the Agency to adjust and settle all types of loans being served by it.

All of the present loan services of the Farmers Home Administration, which include loans for operation, development and purchase of family-type farms; farm housing; soil and water conservation, and loans to meet emergency credit needs, will continue to be available.

The basic objectives of Farm Ownership or "Real Estate" loans under Title I are to enable farm families to become soundly established in a successful system of farming, to promote more secure occupancy of farms and farm homes, and to correct economic instability.

Farm Ownership loans may be made for the purpose of buying a family-type farm; buying land to enlarge a farm that will be a family-type farm; developing or improving a farm, including building improvements, land development and water facilities necessary for the operation of the farm; and the refinancng of secured and unsecured debts of farmers who own or will own a family-type farm.

Loans primarily for refinancing may be made, provided it is determined that the applicant will be able to place his operations on a sound basis if his debts are refinanced on more favorable terms and conditions. Ordinarily, loans will not be made to refinance long-term Real Estate loans of the type generally made by lenders such as the Federal Land Bank or insurance companies.

When debts are refinanced by the Farmers Home Administration the payments will be scheduled according to the ability of the borrower to repay. In the past, the Agency has refinanced existing debts only when the refinancing was incidental to the making of a Real Estate loan for purchase or improvement.

Loans will not be used to refinance any debt until it has been determined that the present creditor or other credit source will not give the applicant terms and conditions on the debt, that he could reasonably be expected to meet. Real Estate debts will not be refinanced unless such debts are liens against the farm to be given as security for the loan.

The majority objective of the Operating loan program is to assist farmers and stockmen with a supplemental line of credit under Title II of fthe Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act as amended.

Operating loans are used for the purchase of equipment, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer, insecticides, supplies, equipment repairs, land rent, and to meet other essential farm operating expenses.

Operating loans to part-time farmers may be authorized provided the applicant is an established, bona fide farm operator at the time he applies for a loan, and that he be an individual who has historically resided on a farm and depended on farm income for his livelihood. This means that to be eligible the applicant must have resided on a farm and been dependent on a farm for his livelihood during a substantial portion of his life. Applicants who are spending a major portion of their time during the year in off-farm employment are not considered bona fide farmers and, therefore, are not eligible.

Operating loans under the new law may be made in amounts up to $10,000.00 to one borrower, with a limit of $20,000.00 in the amount any one borrower can owe for this type of credit. In the past, the limit of the initial loan was $7,000.00, with a $10,000.00 limit on the total amount of debt that could be incurred. The increase in maximum limits of these loans will enable the Agency to serve farmers and ranchers in areas where heavy investments in machinery, livestock and farm operating expenses are necessary.

Under the former law, no new credit could be extended to farmers who had been continuously indebted for seven years. The new law increases from seven to 10 years the period during which additional credit can be extended in hardship cases when the inability of the borrower to repay his indebtedness during the seven years is due to causes beyond his control.

Emergency loans are authorized under several acts of Congress in areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture upon determination that a disaster has caused a widespread need for agricultural credit not readily available from commercial banks and/or other lending agencies.

The primary purpose of the Emergency loan program is to provide a source of temporary credit to eligible farmers and stockmen in designated areas, who are unable to obtain credit required to continue their normal operations. This type of credit assistance will be available during the emergency period only, with the exception that they will return to regular credit sources as soon as normal production is achieved or economic conditions improve. Emergency loans, therefore, are intended to supplement, but not supplant, credit available from other established sources in the area. Credit will not be provided under this program to enable applicants to become established in farming or ranching, to reorganize their farm or ranch operations, nor to expand substantially operations carried on just prior to the designation of the area for Emergency loan assistance.

The interest rates and terms of the several types of loans handled by the Agency will vary, depending upon the purposes for which the loan was obtained. Loans for operating expenses will be repayable over periods up to seven years at 5% interest. Loans for real estate development will bear charges of 4½% and will be repayable over periods up to 40 years. Emergency loans are repayable as rapidly as possible, and carry an interest charge of 3%.

Loans made by Farmers Home Administration will be made only when the applicant's income from his farm and other sources appears adequate to enable him to meet living and operating expenses and repay his debts. The seven-year loans, like loans already available from the Agency, will be made only to applicants who are unable to obtain adequate credit from other sources. With most types of loans, supervision of development and carrying out of recommended farm practices will be provided.

State chamber of commerce has started a 10-point program through speakers and various types of news releases to emphasize the importance of agriculture in the California economy.

FRANCE SUBJECT OF FIRST ADULT FORUM TUESDAY

"France at the Crossroads", will be the topic of Richard A. Stepp, widely known traveler and lecturer, when he presents a color motion picture at the first Porterville Evening College adult forum of the season to be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the high school cafeteria. There is no admission charge.

Mr. Stepp, a Whittier business man who also capitalizes on his hobbies of travel and photography, has incorporated both economic and political information into his film study of France, and has included the beauty, humor and human interest of the Gallic peoples as well.

The film is a portrayal of today's "real" France through a study of two key provinces, Normandy and Burgundy, and of Paris, their connecting link.

Artichokes are beginning to move in volume from the Castroville area.


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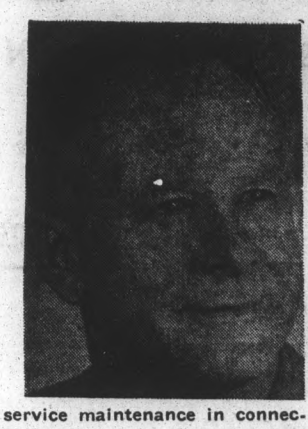
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Skiles Tells Of National Letter Writing Week

National Letter Writing Week will again be celebrated in Springville, during the week of October 7 to 13, Postmaster Lloyd H. Skiles announced this week.

Commenting on the significance of National Letter Writing Week, Mr. Skiles pointed out tha each year since 1938 this event has been observed as a reminder of the real meaning of a personal letter.

Emphasizing the traditional sanctity of the letter mail, Mr. Skiles reminded Springville residents that one of the basic American Freedoms is the uncensored transmission of their first class mail. It is the most valuable possession of the citizens of a free country.

"We all know the human importance of letter writing", Mr. Skiles stated, "the way in which it holds scattered families together, of giving comfort and love and news to all the people of the land. But its value is immeasurably greater than that. Its implications are almost infinite.

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Snap bean harvest is now at low ebb as summer crop nears its end.

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News Of The SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY

By WINNIE GAGE

The Tule River Houndsmen Association met last Wednesday night in Bartlett Park.

Charles Henson, president of the association, presided over the meeting. It was voted to enter a float in the Armistice Day parade in Porterville, November 12. The parade committee consists of George Robert, Otis Connor and Jack Sallee. Colored picture slides of the back country was shown by Lester Reed, state trapper. Coffee and doughnuts were served to the fifty members and guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Black of Anaheim and her brother, Johnny Haas, of Fullerton, visited two days last week with their uncles, Lyman and Allan Gage and families.

M/Sgt. Kenneth M. Andrews, who has been stationed in Iceland for the past 13 months, is here for 15 days with his wife and three children, who have been living in Springville.

Kenneth has purchased a new car and plans to take his family with him to Albuqurque, N. M., where he is to be stationed in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril "Spec" Miller have been called to Bendena, Kans., where his father is seriously ill.

M. D. Schenck and Mrs. Ruth Richards of Manhattan Beach and Petty Officer First Class Ronald Lee Miller were weekend guests of M/Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Andrews and children.

Some cattlemen in this community have received letters reporting that 1080 poison has been put out in the Mountain Home area by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry on top of the ground for experimental control of field mice. 1080 is a secondary poison and all victims of such poison become lethal bait to anything that eats it. Hunters will be afraid to eat doves, quail, grouse, pheasants, deer and bear or drink water in that vicinity, because of the possibilities that they may be affected with the ravages of this opison. It is a poison that has no known antidote.

Mrs. Susie McDonald and Mrs. Mable Garman were hostesses of surprise showers for Mrs. Barbara Andrews, a farewell shower, and hre sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Miller, a layette shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Miller.

Games were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Foster, Mrs. Ruth Peterson, Mrs. Barbara Andrews and Rose Cooper.

Angel food cake and coffee were served to the 21 guests and the honorees received many lovely and useful gifts.

Mrs. Maggie Dee Campbell Hooker, who arrived in Springville from Nicaragua in early summer, gave a talk on Nicaragua and sang some songs in Spanish and Indian at the Elementary school Wednesday at the request of Mr. Bob Shannon one of the teachers. Mrs. Hooker also sang a solo at the Community Methodist Church last Sunday. She is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson.

John M. Kennedy, aged 72 years, died September 24 in his home in Springville after a long illness. He was a native of Philadelphia and was a retired school teacher and had lived here five years. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Esther Kennedy, of Springville. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Porterville.

FINS FUR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester



With less than a month to go, trout fishing has been excellent. Huntington, Shaver, Edison, Hume and Sequoia lakes have all been producing. The upper and lower Kern river, Kings river above and below Pine Flat, the Merced and San Joaquin below Friant are also providing very good angling success.

Most of the hatcheries are closing up operations for the season with the Kern River Hacthery and San Joaquin Hatchery with the last of the catchable size trout. These have been or will be stocked right about now in Huntington and Shaver lakes, Mono Creek, Big Creek tributary to Huntington, Big Creek in Madera County, Kings River and Southfork Kings, San Joaquin below Friant and the Southfork.

So now is the time for some outstanding trout fishing, and the very best for flies, before the season comes to a close on the last day of October.

Warm water fishing for bass, catfish, etc., has also picked up materially. We remind anglers of the four public fishing lakes on the Los Banos Game Refuge, one of which has been well stocked with striped bass. These lakes are for public use without charge and fishing has been exceptionally good of late.

Salmon are still being taken off San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties as well as albacore. However, it is recommended that anglers contact party boat operators by phone prior to planning a trip.

Abalone and clam diggers will find minus tides in the early afternoon for the balance of this week including Saturday.

From up on the Sacramento river at Los Molinos we received word that the steelhead run has started with the peak expected to be reached on October 15.

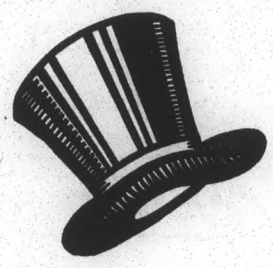
The Baun Construction Co., of Fresno, was low bidder on the development job for Avocado Lake including shaping the banks, road, fence and boat dock. The price was $17,200.00. After preliminary arrangements have been settled, construction work should start December 1 so that this big gravel pit below Pine Flat can perhaps be open to fishing by the opening of trout season next year.

Saturday, October 6 will be the opening of the special mountain quail season and Sierra grouse season in some areas. Bag and possession limit will be six quail and two grouse. The season will close October 14.

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In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against her estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said executor at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

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MEAT SUPPLIES WILL INCREASE

Total national meat supply for the rest of 1956 will be smaller than in the same period a year ago, the first downturn since 1951. However, supplies this fall will be larger than any year prior to last year.

Fall production of sweet corn should get underway soon in Kern county.

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In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For the County of Tulare

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MARY C. BROWN, Administratrix

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STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF G. E. HILL, ALSO KNOWN AS GLEN E. HILL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executrix of the Last Will and Testament if said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said executrix at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 E. Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

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Sun-Dried Raisin Production Down

Production of sun-dried raisins in California during the 1956 season is estimated at 195,000 tons, a figure five per cent less than in 1955. Thompson seedless account for 185,000 tons; Muscats, Sultana and Zanta Currant the balance.

Eisenhower Rally Features Thomas P. Pike

Tulare County Eisenhower rally has been set for Monday evening, October 15, at the Memorial hall in Exeter, with Thomas P. Pike, special assistant to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as the principal speaker.

General chairman for the event is Eben Pinkham, Exeter rancher; heading a delegation of Republican party workers who will greet Mr. Pike upon his arrival in Tulare county, is Jay Tod, of Lemon Cove.

Assisting also with arrangements is Gareth Houk of Visalia, chairman of the Tulare County Eisenhower-Nixon campaign committee, and Mrs. Marcus Jones, of Porterville, women's chairman for the committee.

Special feature of the rally will be entertainment by Young Republicans from Porterville, Tulare, Visalia and Exeter.

The rally is a county Republican fund-raising event, with dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m.

The speaker is appearing in Tulare county as a direct representative from the White House office of President Eisenhower. Mr. Pike, who was born in Los Angeles, was assistant secretary of defense from 1953 through 1954 and is now special assistant to the president in connection with military supplies for defense.

Mr. Pike is a graduate of Stanford University, with a degree in economics; he organized the T. P. Pike Drilling company in 1938, and served as president of the firm until 1953; he was a vice president of the Casualty Insurance Company of California and was formerly a trustee of the Council of Profit Sharing Industries.

Tickets for the October 15 Eisenhower rally can be obtained from Republican Central committee members throughout Tulare county.

REPRESENTATION AT CANCER MEETING

Tulare county will send five representatives to the 10th annual meeting of the American Cancer Society's California division to be held October 4, 5 and 6 at the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco.

DUCK AND GEESE NUMBERS GREATER

Ducks and geese are now moving into the central valleys of California in 59 per cent greater numbers than at the same time last year, the state department of fish and game reports.

Survey of quail guzzlers and springs in the Maricopa area of Kern county indicate that about the same numbers of quail and chukars are using the watering areas as in 1955.

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STUDENTS WORK ON PLANS FOR CELEBRATION

Porterville college students will elect 10 girls, on October 16, who will appear later before a judging committee that will select a queen of the 1956 Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville.

Working on Homecoming committees at the college are: Karol Kendrick, general chairman; Stella Unser, Glenda Holbrook, Marlene McTier, Barbara Holgate, Lynda Jones, LeRoy Meek, Maynard Sommer, Albert Moreno, Jake Rankin, Dell Clark, Leonette Brixey, Jeanne Ettner, Marilyn Sparks and Pat Byars.

As of September 1, California canning tomato crop was estimated at 150,000 acres, with forecast of 17.5 tons per acre. If this materializes, it will be an all-time record.

Turlock, Woodland and Yolo areas are expected to continue shipment of honeydew melons until frost; Tipton area shipments are about completed.

CANTERBELLES WILL RIDE IN DELANO PARADE

Porterville's Canterbelles will ride in the Harvest Festival parade that is slated for Delano, next Saturday, at 10:00 a.m.

The four-day festival program also includes on Saturday, a cutting horse contest, a rodeo, and dances; the Sunday program also features cutting horses and a rodeo, plus an old timers' reunion and a free variety show in the evening.

A kiddie parade is scheduled Friday afternoon, a Queen's dance Friday evening, and a scholarship barbecue Thursday afternoon.

In the western states last year, 7,228 schools participated in the special milk program; children consumed nearly 200 million half-pints of milk.

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ties report some new plantings but these are probably offset by the groves currently being converted to housing tracts and factories.

According to Mr. Anderson, growers have the advantage of 50 years of research to help them plant varieties and rootstocks that are best suited for their land. New cultural practices will aid them in getting the best possible yield from their plantings, and a constantly rising population assures them of a market for their crop.

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By BILL RODGERS

PROPOSITION A on the November 6 ballot will seek to establish a civil service setup in Tulare county. Our opinion is that this proposition should be voted down — soundly.

BASICALLY, THE plan that is proposed by Proposition A virtually assures an individual a lifetime guarantee of employment, once he or she is on the county payroll. It is the type of plan that works to the advantage of the ineffecient employee who needs some kind of outside prop to hold a job.

THE QUALIFIED employee, who is capable of doing good work and who uses those capabilities has no cause to worry about holding a job; it is the "deadbeat" who is interested only in "just getting by" who usually wants to be "wired" to his job.

AND CONSIDER this angle. Elected county officials who head the major departments of county government should be able to hire and fire; after all, if we elect someone to office and that someone has their hands tied because he can do little if anything about personnel in his office, what chance does he have to improve the operation of his office?

ACTUALLY, A county employee under the present setup has plenty of protection from "politics". Right now a county employee who loses his or her job can present their case to an appeals board. They get a fair hearing; they do not lose a job because of the whim and fancy of a department head.

UNDER THE proposed Proposition A setup, a civil service board would be established on a paid basis. This board supposedly would se up eligibility lists, conduct examinations, adopt personnel policies, and take care of other matters that are now being successfully handled in the county personnel office.

IT APPEARS to us that a civil service setup in Tulare county is unnecessary and not worth the expense involved.

BASICALLY, THIS plan puts a premium on incompetence and thereby works a hardship on the good worker who can hold a job on the basis of merit, not law.

IN THE long run, a No Vote on Proposition A means better county government.

Meat Type Hog Center Of Attraction

The meat-type hog will be the center of attraction at a meeting of swine producers from throughout the central San Joaquin valley, being held October 13, at 10 a.m., at the Farm Bureau sales yard in Visalia.

Results of feeding trials, directed by Farm Advisor Bob Miller, will be shown. Four different grades of market hogs, all of which went on feed early in July, will be exhibited in the demonstration.

In addition, several pigs from each group will be slaughtered for the meeting and carcass data compiled.

LeRoy Sharp, who is in charge of the hog department of the California Farm Bureau Marketing association, will discuss the marketing of fat hogs by grade; Jess Bell, from Fresno State college, will talk on carcass comparison and other slaughter information.

Lunch will be served in the sales yard cafeteria at noon; the meeting will adjourn at 2:00 p.m., all interested persons are invited to attend.

Parking Area

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plans by the district's architects have been accepted by the board, and sent to the division of schoolhouse planning for preliminary approval.

The only other project given a priority by the board for construction from special building tax funds is the shower, locker, and dressing room facilities for the girls' gymnasium. Preliminary studies on this project have been authorized.

The library-study hall preliminary plans, as accepted by the board, call for approximately 7,300 square feet of floor space to be built at an estimated cost of $108,000.00. This will mean that some special tax funds from the current fiscal year, available in December, will be used for this project, Mr. Hutchinson said.

The library portion of the building, which will contain book shelves, work rooms, and study tables for about 100 students, will be located in the front of the structure. A study hall, with desks for 115 students, will be located in the rear, with a connecting corridor. Also included in the plans are class conference rooms where an entire class may participate in library study.

The three projects currently given priority for special tax funds — parking lots, library-study hall, and girls' shower and locker facilities — probably will require the revenue from the current fiscal year, and that of the 1957-58 fiscal year as well, Mr. Hutchinson said.

Yell Leaders Other Officers Are Elected

Porterville College's 1956 - 1957 song and yell leaders were selected last week, along with four representatives to the student council, at a student body secret-ballot form election held on the college campus.

A four-man team of yell leaders is: Rick Keck, Bob Reed, Jim Simms, and Harold Wilson.

Cherry Horst, Judy Richards, and Molly Westbrook will be PC's song leaders, as decided by a unanimous vote.

Representatives-at-large elected to serve a one year term on the student council were Bob Cooper and Stella Unser. Other representatives-at-large who will serve the first semester are Phyllis Giddings and Linda Hawthorne.

Good Fishing At Isabella

Lake Isabella, east of Bakersfield, is now producing good catches of trout, catfish and bass; angling pressure in the area has dropped off sharply in the past couple of weeks. The lake area is now about 5,000 surface acres.

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Mr. Clawson says that different methods of determining agricultural value in the state, and figures from the U.S. department of commerce, census of agriculture, which is a year behind state figures, must be taken into account.

But there is usually no significant difference in these figures, it is stated, so there is little question but that Tulare county, with its highly diversified farming activity, is the second richest agricultural county in the nation.

Tulare county consistently ranks in the top four counties. Los Angeles county has been slipping back in recent years as agriculture gives way to industrial and subdivision developments.

Adult Classes Being Started

Five new classes that are being opened at Porterville Evening college are: Typing, piano, machine shop and welding, lapidary and driver training. Classes already in progress include: Astronomy, U.S. History, high school English, world affairs, psychology and clothing construction and tailoring.

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